tions to banks to increase availability of credit to the export sector strengthening infrastructural facilities through greater involvement of State Governments, and identifying 34 extreme Focus Products with a view to giving a special thrust by removing difficulties faced by exporters in respect of these commodities. Besides, an Exporters' Grievance Cell has recently been set up to facilitate action on problems being faced by exporters.

(c) Review of the impediments being faced by exporters is a continuous process and steps are taken whenever necessary to remove the problems in consultation with trade and industry.

Development of Aquaculture in A. P.

2133. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether MPEDA has identified large tracts of land suitable for aquaculture in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that many small and marginal farmers are being eased out of their small holdings in Andhra Pradesh for the benefit of large firms;

(c) whether many small farmers were coerced to sell their land at throw away prices for the benefit of large units;

(d) whether the MPEDA has played any role in encouraging displacement of small land owners; and

(e) whether any alternative employment opportunities have been made available for the displaced people by MPEDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) According to MPEDA about 1.5 lakh ha. of brackishwater area is estimated to be suitable for acquaculture in Andra Pradesh.

(b) to (d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Boosting Shrimp Production

2134. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times dated 14-7-93 captioned "Plans introduced to boost shrimp farming";

(b) what are the various commercial units who have obtained cash subsidy for shrimp farming during 1991-92 and 1992-93, State-wise break up;

(c) whether MPEDA's major area of activity is aquaculture; and

(d) what steps are proposed to ensure that buyer's cartels do not exploit small entrepreneurs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Government is aware of the news item.

(b) The information is being collected.

(c) Development of aquaculture is one of the major activities of MPEDA for augmenting the export production.

(d) Government is not aware of the existence of any buyers cartels in the marine products sector in India.

Crises Suffered by F. C. V. Tobacco Growers

2135. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that F. C. V. Tobacco growers suffered a crisis this year;

(b) whether domestic manufacturers helped growers to get more prices, this year, if so, what are the average prices paid by them to the growers during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the major cigarette manufacturers in India purchased most of their requirements directly instead of through their regular suppliers; and

(d) if so, the particulars of purchases directly and through their suppliers and the average price paid, region-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMERS AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Because of the

excess production of FCV tobacco in the country, lower international prices, and uncertainty about Russian purchaser, there was a decline in the prices of FCV tobacco compared to last year.

(b) to (d) The shere of purchases by domestic manufacturers in the overall sales, the average prices paid by them and the percentage by which average price paid by manufacturers exceeded overall avarage price during the last 3 years are given below :—

Auction	Total Crop marketed		Purchases by Manufacturers		% share of total Quantity Marketed	% by which Av. Pr. paid by Mfrs. exceeded overall Av. Price
	Qty. (M. kg.)	Av. Pr. (Rs./kg.)	Qty. (M. kg.)	Av. Pr. (Rs./kg.)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
ANDHRA PRADESH						
1993	125.60	20.75*	56.93	24.70	45.32	19.03
1992	132.78	27.63	45.52	31.06	34.28	12.41
1991	89.17	33.00	39.29	35.22	44.06	6.72
KARNATAKA						
1992-93	33.24	26.52	12.08	30.95	36.34	16.70
1991-92	26.41	42.13	8.66	45.34	32.79	7.61
1990-91	20.32	26.44	7.09	30.99	34.89	17.20

(*Provisional)

As part of their business strategy, domectic manufacturers buy a part of their requirement of tobacco from dealers operating on the auction floors. However, they do not indicate the quantities they intend to buy from dealers and the names of such dealers/suppliers in respect of any auction season.

Cigarettes sold in the Country

2136. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of cigarettes sold in India annually;

(b) what is their value; and

(c) what is the gross and net profits released by the manufacturers during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The information is not centrally maintained.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deletion of some Items from the Negative List

2137. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some items of imports have been deleted from the negative list recently;

(b) if so, the names of those items with the reasons for the deletion;

(c) whether import norms have also been revised for some items;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the above measures would be help to earn good amount of foreign exchange; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?